

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-4, 6-9, and 13 as follows (A marked up copy of the claims is shown on the enclosed Exhibit C):

1. An interactive toy that symbolically represents emotions through visual and linguistic means and that may further be used in play to represent emotions kinesthetically, comprising:
 - (a) a plurality of playpieces, each playpiece being generally symbolic of a particular emotion both visually and linguistically; and
 - (b) a container comprising a storage chamber into which the playpieces may be independently stored or withdrawn during the course of play thereby providing the opportunity for emotions to be kinesthetically represented.
2. The interactive toy of claim 1, wherein each playpiece is generally visually symbolic of a particular emotion by virtue of the inclusion of unique visual indicia generally symbolic of the emotion, such as color scheme, shape, graphic information or combinations thereof.
3. The interactive toy of claim 1, wherein each playpiece is generally linguistically symbolic of a particular emotion by virtue of the inclusion of unique linguistic indicia, such as text information.
4. The interactive toy of claim 1, wherein the playpieces comprise a first playpiece generally symbolic of love, a second playpiece generally symbolic of sadness, a third playpiece generally symbolic of happiness, a fourth playpiece generally symbolic of anger, and a fifth playpiece generally symbolic of fear.
6. The interactive toy of claim 4, wherein the playpiece generally symbolic of sadness is tear drop-shaped.

7. The interactive toy of claim 4, wherein the playpiece generally symbolic of happiness is sun-shaped.
8. The interactive toy of claim 1, wherein the playpiece generally symbolic of anger is fire-shaped.
9. The interactive toy of claim 1, wherein the playpiece generally symbolic of fear is ghost-shaped.
13. A method of exploring emotional experience, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a toy comprising a plurality of playpieces, each playpiece being generally symbolic of a particular emotion both visually and linguistically, and a container comprising a storage chamber into which the playpieces may be independently stored or withdrawn during the course of play; and
 - (b) interacting with the toy thereby providing the opportunity for emotions to be kinesthetically represented.

Remarks

The above amendments and following remarks are submitted in order to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2002. Claims 1-16 are pending. With this response, claims 1-4, 6-9, and 13 are amended. Reconsideration and further examination of the application are respectfully requested.

The time period for response was set to expire on April 30, 2002. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this response is timely filed on Friday, April 26, 2002. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicant hereby requests an extension for such additional time period and authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees therefore to the Kagan Binder deposit account No. 50-1775.